

BUSKING POLICY

South Bank Corporation is in the process of developing a new program that showcases and celebrates busking and other creative artists and professionals. This program is scheduled to launch late 2010 or early 2011.

In the interim, three different categories of busking permits are available for performers pending an application process outlined here.

Categories of permits

Annual permit – this applies to local buskers who do not use high risk elements in their performance. An annual permit would be issued to musicians, dancers, visual artists, singers, statue artists and so forth.

Short term permit – this applies to interstate or international performers who are in Brisbane for a short period of time (up to three months) and wanting to busk in the precinct.

Special permit – this applies to performers using high risk elements in their performance such as ladders, fire, unicycles, balancing acts and so forth. It is available as a short term or annual permit.

Application process

Performers can visit www.southbankcorporation.com.au to download the busking application form.

Application forms are to be completed in full and submitted no later than 2nd July 2010 with a recent photograph (less than 12 months old), biography and detail of at least two referees.

Interstate and international performers may apply at any time. Application forms will be required with recent photograph, biography (footage of performance preferable), two referees, proof of working visa and for special permits and a copy of Public Liability Insurance for a minimum of \$10 million Australian dollars.

South Bank Corporation will appoint a team of four to review all applications against criteria that addresses and ensures quality, diversity across art forms and uniqueness.

Annual and special busking applications will be reviewed and shortlisted.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an audition at the Suncorp Piazza on 10th July or 20th November 2010 in front of a panel of judges.

Successful candidates will be issued with an annual or special permit depending on suitability and receive information including rules and regulations of the Parklands, South Bank, a map indicating busking pitches and the process of booking in busking performance times.

Busking process

Buskers must book in every Friday by 12noon by ringing the Assistant, Event Sales on 3867 2060. This entitles the performer to busk from that Friday to the following Thursday.

South Bank Corporation reserves the right to restrict busking times and locations as deemed necessary by the Corporation without prior notice.

Buskers who have not booked in will not be entitled to busk.

Buskers are to arrive at least thirty minutes prior to performance and sign in at security.

There are designated busking locations. South Bank Corporation representatives including security reserve the right to relocate buskers or cancel permits immediately if performances take place outside the designated locations.

Busking locations operate on a first in, best dressed basis.

Busking is not permitted between 10pm and 7am.

Busking permits must be displayed clearly during set up, performance and pack up.

Buskers must comply with instructions or directions given by South Bank Corporation representatives including security and life guards.

Busking content

The following actions are not permitted and may result in the cancellation of busking permits:

- swearing or inappropriate language
- discriminating material
- aggressive actions
- inappropriate dress
- excessive noise
- overaggressive requests for payment
- any action considered to be dangerous

Use of amplifiers is restricted to battery operated amplifiers only and must not exceed 70dB.

There are parameters around involving the general public in busking performances which include:

- requesting their permission prior to engaging them in the show
- not unduly embarrassing any member of the public if they refuse to be involved
- asking all participants if they have any health concerns which may be affected by participating in the show
- not placing or involving any member of the public in an unsafe situation

Cancellation and complaints

Busking permits remain the property of South Bank Corporation and can be cancelled at any time.

If complaints are received by members of the public, South Bank Corporation reserves the right to refuse or cancel permits.

Buskers are only permitted to perform the act which was applied and auditioned for. If an element of the act changes, buskers must reapply and reaudition.

Selling

Buskers can sell items or display items for sale only if prior written consent is sought from South Bank Corporation. To seek approval, write to the Manager, Events & Sales.

Safety requirements

The performer must be able to demonstrate or explain safety measures that will be implemented to ensure the safety of the audience.

Circle shows must use a rope to create the performance space a minimum of three metres radius from the audience. If ladders are involved, then the radius extends to five metres from the audience, or the length of the ladder plus one metre, whichever is greater.

The show must commence, conclude and occur within the defined busking areas.

The performer must inform the audience of safety measures prior to performance.

Dangerous materials and implements must not be taken out of the designated area to attract audience attention.

Dangerous materials must not be given to members of the public.

Fire breathing is not permitted at any time.

Any performances involving fire must feature a fire blanket and fire extinguisher which is within easy reach and accessible to the performer at all times.

Chainsaws or other mechanical items cannot be juggled

Objects with sharp edges (excluding juggling knives) are not allowed.

If using dangerous implements in a performance, all edges on metal implements must be blunted and rendered non-dangerous. An implement is determined as blunt if it is incapable of piercing human skin when pressure is directly applied to its edge or point against human skin.

Fuel is to be stored in a leak proof container.

Fire sticks must be dipped well before the performance to ensure there is no excess fuel. Performers must provide a towel or similar under any fuel container and must shake excess fuel onto the towel. Any damage to South Bank Corporation property caused by fuel will be charged to the performer

and may result in cancellation of busking policy.

The use of sheltie as a fuel is strictly prohibited.

The use of any other explosive materials or gas of any type is strictly prohibited.

The performer must comply with all Fire and safety measures required by local fire authorities, any relevant laws or Australian Standards.

The performer must provide a MSDS (material safety data sheet) of the fuel being used at the time of the audition. And MSDS contains information such as safe storage, safe handling, fire fighting measures and first aid measures.

Storage and transport of flammable liquids must comply with the current Code of Practice in accordance with the Australian Dangerous Substances Act 2004.

